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BIZARRE NEWS



Six Flags Great America takes a "bite" out of waiting in line

Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois, now offers privileges in exchange for eating a live 2-3" Madagascar hissing cockroach, according to the Associated Press.

The promotion, which starts Oct. 7 and just in time for Six Flags' "FrightFest," gives away passes for up to four friends if one of them eats the scaly insect.

While Six Flags officials say the campaign is completely safe, Lake County health authorities have warned that eating the live bugs could increase cases of gastrointestinal illness and allergies.

Guests still have to pay admissions fees and sign a liability waiver in order to enter the theme park.

Ill. Lt. Governor wants teabags in electric bills

Illinois' two largest electric utility companies may soon be receiving more in the mail than customers' monthly bill payments, if a proposal by the state Lieutenant Governor makes way.

According to CBS, under a scheme by Illinois' second-in-command, Pat Quinn, customers of ComEd and Ameren should send tea bags or pictures of them to the companies to protest their projected rate increases of 22 and 47 percents, respectively.

The plan, however, is drawing fire from the U.S. Postal Service, which says the bags could prove harmful to their machinery and operations. While it is legal for customers to do so, the post office fears sorting machines could malfunction because of the lumpy tea bags.



Students place "cross cards" into baskets during the Fall Revival services last week in Chalfant Hall. Rev. Bud Reedy, senior pastor at Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene, conducted the services. **Colleen Witte / Staff**

Benson speaks on hypocrisy, suspends student-led worship

By Kevin Sandell

News editor

After seeing a photo that had been posted on facebook, a popular college networking website, of a female worship leader raising her shirt, University Chaplain Michael Benson suspended student-led worship and spoke to students about integrity.

Several weeks ago, according to Associate Chaplain Beth Olney, a student notified the Office of the Chaplain in regards to

inappropriate photos posted by Olivet students on Facebook. The site allows college students to communicate with friends and post their contact information, profile and personal photographs online.

Deciding to look into the validity of the concern, the chaplain created his own Facebook account and began looking at posted photos of completely random and non-targeted Olivet students, according to Olney who says this decision was not meant to be a "witch-hunt."

Yet, even in the short time he viewed the site, Benson discovered, according to Olney, that "he didn't want to look at [photographs] anymore," because of the inappropriate nature of many, such as shots of students at drinking parties.

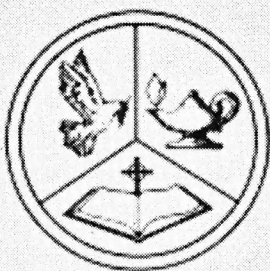
A few days later, the Chaplain's Office received an anonymous email with an attached photograph that had been posted on Facebook showing a female Olivet student lifting up her shirt and exposing her bra.

The female was a

student worship leader who had performed in the weekly chapel services at least twice before. While rumors circulated about the nature of the photo, Olney said, "It was not full frontal nudity." Olney also explained that this is a "lovely girl" who was only having fun with girls in her dorm. Supposedly, she had no intentions of her photo being posted.

"Her heart's in the right place," Olney said. "I have full confidence in her. I'd probably

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CHAPEL

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hire her to do anything."

Although Benson had already written a sermon for the Sept. 14 chapel, in preparation for revival services, he instead decided to rewrite an entirely new sermon based on his earlier discoveries. After conferring with the Student Development staff, Benson rewrote his message at around 5:00 a.m. that same morning.

Students in chapel that day found the chaplain sitting on a stool center stage. No worship teams joined him on the platform.

After loosening his necktie, leaning back, and crossing his legs, Benson began his message. According to Olney, the service was meant to be a "family talk."

During his dialogue, Benson said, "I am postponing

indefinitely the use of students in worship until we can get our hands around who we are."

Immediately following the service, Benson met with all student worship bands to discuss further actions.

Students began talking about the service and the impact it generated. Sophomore Christy Claypool

explains her frustration with the chaplain's message.

"When I walked out of chapel and began to process the message, I began to think that whenever I fall as a Christian, that my action has the opportunity to be expressed

to the student body," she said.

Claypool also said the chaplain's message was too obvious in identifying the accused student.

"I feel that Chaplain Benson targeted one specific group too hard. When he was presenting the issue, he made a point to express that she was a

female worship leader. I feel that by targeting the group as he did, he was making it easier for students to determine who the young lady was."

While the message did generate some negative attention and about four

complaint letters, the Chaplain's Office has received a far greater number of complimentary emails and cards, according to Olney.

In hindsight, the University Chaplain regrets that his message seemed strongly directed towards females, Olney said.

"I know Chaplain regrets that it came off that way. He does regret that he didn't specifically address the 'fellas' about their area of responsibility. There is no question about that."

Benson was unavailable for comment because he is preaching Kansas City this week.

Student-led worship groups will meet with the chaplain after his return to create a comprehensive plan to ensure greater accountability.

No worship leaders have been asked to step down from their positions.

"[Chaplain Benson] does regret that he didn't specifically address the 'fellas' about their area of responsibility."

» **BETH OLNEY**
ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN

"Bucks-A-Lunch" program helps commuter students

By **Kevin Sandell**

News Editor.

A program has recently developed for Olivet's 400 plus commuter students to eat in Ludwig's Dining Room and now in the Tiger Den at least three times a month for only \$2 a meal.

Under collaboration with Sodexo Dining Services, the Office of Commuter Relations decided to create the program after looking at other schools' commuter communities.

Tickets for the "Bucks-A-Lunch" program can be purchased from the Office of Student Development and the Office of Commuter Relations.

Bob Kring, Director of Campus Recreation and

Commuter Relations, says that the "Bucks-A-Lunch" program is built on enhancing friendships and enjoying campus life.

"This [Bucks-A-Lunch program] is to encourage students not only to eat on campus," Kring said, "but to enjoy the on-campus feel and continue to build on relationships they are starting on campus."

According to Kring, the program runs on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday once a week. Thursday, Sept. 28 is the last day this month for commuter students to take advantage of eating in campus dining facilities.

While traditional, on-

campus students make up an obvious majority of the undergraduate population, commuters do make up about 17 percent of the overall student body.

"Bucks-A-Lunch" is the most popular program that is offered by the student organization, Off-Campus Olivetians.

However, the numbers vary every week, Kring says, from 12 to 30 students, which hardly encompasses the entire commuter population.

"But we are glad to offer it, and for those that take advantage of it, they really like it and look forward to it each week," Kring said.

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New members of Olivet organizations undergo merciless initiations

By Amy Kistner

Variety writer

When a student chooses to join a club, athletic team or any other campus organization, admittance often requires participants, or victims if you will, to do silly if not outright ridiculous activities.

Though the infamous tradition of breaking in 'newbies' is normally harmless -- unlike last year's hazing at Naperville's

North Central College that put the university's baseball team on probation -- Olivet still knows how to have good old fashioned fun.

Freshman Associated Students Council (ASC) initiations this year, in fact,

were "quite an experience" according to new member Rachel Forshee.

After being woken up in the middle of the night by upperclassmen members, the newly elected officials were blindfolded and thrown in the shower, according to ASC President Aaron Payne. Forshee and fellow freshman council members Rachel Martinson and John Keeting were then taken outside

where "mulch and other nastiness" was dumped on them.

Next, executives tied each of the three up and put them into the backseat of different cars where they were forced to sing crazy songs on the way to



Chapman RAs (from left) Dan Rodriguez, Jeff Alexander, Andrew Benson and Joel Heald take a minute to pose in their initiation attire of diapers and dollars.

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an unknown destination.

"The drivers kept swerving and slamming on the breaks," Forshee said. "I thought we

were going to crash and die."

After about 10 minutes of driving, the cars stopped and the newly elected members were directed into a building and forced down the stairs into the basement.

"A creepy voice then told us to find our way back to campus," Forshee said.

Hard rock music blared in the background as the freshmen were left on their own.

Soaked and freezing, the three freshmen began walking from where they now realized was the ROTC building Fortin Villa, back to campus, only to find the other ASC representatives waiting for them.

Initiation was not over.

The next day, whenever they either heard their names or saw another ASC representative, they had to sing "I'm a Little Tea Pot" and do the motions. They also had to wear outlandish costumes and outfits all day long.

"The initiation was fun and crazy," Forshee said. "One time was plenty though."

ASC isn't, however, the only Olivet organization that enjoys a little friendly torture.

Having been on both sides of the resident assistant initiation process, Chapman Residential Assistant (RA) Kenn Knisley recalls his first experience.

"When I was initiated, we

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were blindfolded and taken around town so that we were disoriented. Then we were duct taped to a partner and dropped off in a field and then had to find our way back to Olivet in a set amount of time."

Knisley chuckles at this year's initiation process.

"This past year we made

the new guys walk around in Depends all day. And whenever they saw any of the RA's that were in Chapman at the time, they had to beg us for a dollar. We had each been given a few dollars to give them."

Also, senior Amanda Shelley tells of her "welcoming" into the Olivet residential staff.

"Whatever RA we were replacing 'willed' us something from their floor. The RA that I replaced gave me a

rubber ducky from the 3rd floor bathroom," she said. "And although initiations are usually silly and sometimes embarrassing, I think what it's really about is a fun chance to encourage those who are going to be leading behind you. It was kind of a neat way of passing on the responsibility."

"But this year," Shelley notes, "the previous year's RAs came in and blindfolded us. Then they made us put

on shirts that were covered in feathers for Parrott Hall -- as in the bird," she notes with a chuckle.

"Our initiation was relatively mild compared to some of the things I've heard about."

Shelley also remembers her three-day initiation into Omega her freshman year.

"Each day was something different. If we saw a group leader we had to do whatever

it was we were assigned to do that day. The first day we had to act out a farm animal. My friends still laugh at me for a crazy sheep impression that I did outside of chapel on the Red Square. The second day we had to sing I'm A Little Teapot (with the actions) and the third day we had to act out a dramatic death scene."

Regardless, Olivet students know how to bring in the year, and the fresh meat, with style.

Chapel stirs awareness about AIDS

By Liz Perry

Variety writer

As Chalfant Hall begins to fill during its usual chapel hour, things already appear to look, sound and feel different than most Thursday mornings. In place of reluctant sighs, a murmur of excitement is heard from each isle. In place of the usual 2,000 warm bodies in attendance, sit only 300 students. In place of a worship band, African beats erupt from the speakers and set the tone for a slideshow of poverty-stricken and nameless faces.

There are no chapel checkers and no attendance obligations. So, what brings such a large group of students to an optional chapel service

after a week full of revival activities? World Vision.

And, Olivet is catching hold of "the vision" through a student organization called Acting on AIDS.

Last week ONU's Acting on AIDS (AOA) welcomed Princess Zulu, International Spokesperson and AIDS educator for World Vision, as she shared her personal mission to fight the global HIV/AIDS pandemic. Testimony included Zulu's own bouts with the HIV virus and devastating statistics concerning her homeland Zambia, where over 15 million children have lost parents to AIDS.

In response to the chapel service, AOA invited the student body to participate in

a movement to both pray for and sponsor an African child affected by the HIV epidemic. Neck badges picturing each child were available for students to pick up throughout Ludwig Center in an event referred to as "Lives on the Line."

Stefhan Gambill, co-president for the Olivet chapter of AOA, expressed excitement over how many participated.

"We didn't even expect to have half as many students as we did, but the student body really surpassed anything we had dreamed," he said. "I hope this inspires a lot of people to get involved in the issue on some level."

For those already involved with Acting on AIDS, the key

concern is AIDS awareness for the Olivet community.

"A lot of people don't know what's going on," sophomore officer Joy Jupp said. "A lot of people can't make tangible Africa and the stuff that's going on there ... There are so many verses in the Bible where we are called to help. So, right now it's awareness."

AOA, initiated by students at Seattle Pacific University, is considered "a movement" more so than an organization among the members of its now, 40 college chapters throughout the US. Though the Olivet chapter is fairly new, entering only its second semester, Gambill is hopeful for the club's success.

"We've managed to attract

some amazing members," he said.

Gambill and the other members of AOA won't be sitting back to rest or enjoy the success of their recent activities. There is "more representin'" to be done according to co-president Emilee Foxworthy. Potential future events include a missions conference, a World AIDS Day event, fundraising projects, a Chicago service project and more.

For more information on ways to get involved, contact Foxworthy or stop by the Red Room Monday nights at 7 p.m. To know more about the National Acting on AIDS movement visit actingonaids.org.

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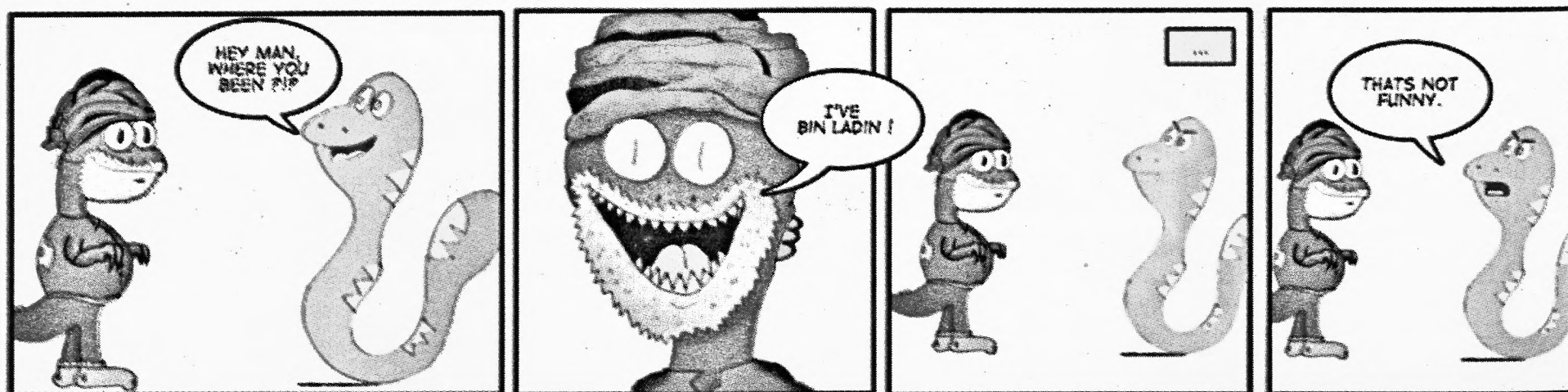
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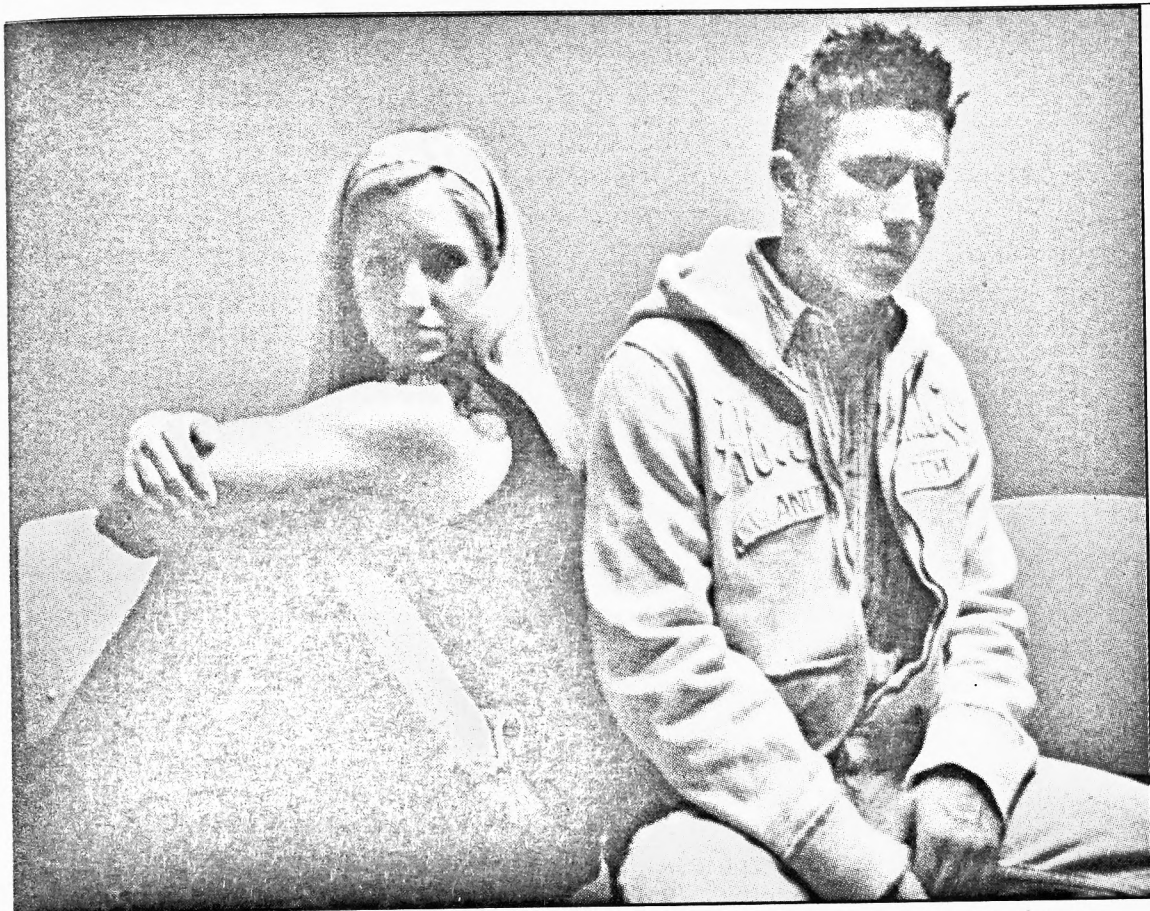
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Sophomore marketing major Megan Taylor and sophomore business major J.P. Trollo pose in some of the newest fashion trends. **Photo by Denton Hird/Images Editor**

Students sport hottest fall trends

By Tracey Wangler

A&E writer

Fall is here, and so are the latest trends of the season.

According to InStyle magazine, the style for women this season includes military and equestrian looks as well as a polished collegiate look.

In addition, some fashions are making a comeback such as animal prints, leggings, jumpers and the highly demanded skinny jeans from the heyday of Audrey Hepburn.

Guys this season are actually sporting a similar look according to Men.style.com. Men are going for military jackets and tight jeans.

The website advises that guys wear more turtlenecks,

overcoats, and white collared shirts. And one can't forget the trucker look.

Olivet's campus may not look exactly how the fall fashion report said it should, but it still has its own unique style.

"Olivet is pretty trendy and shows the uniqueness of all the personalities on campus," senior communications major Emily Felgenhauer said.

Sophomore Courtney Spagnoli says Olivet's dress code causes students to create more unique styles.

The girls on campus are wearing a lot of the ballerina shoes, leggings, skinny jeans, oversize bracelets and necklaces, shirt dresses and a

lot of layer pieces. They also carry big purses and bags.

Sarah Henning, who worked at Macy's department store over the summer, commented on her favorite styles.

"I love wearing a lot of black with splashes of color like a big red belt," she says. "It is fun to play with the things you already have too."

Guys on campus are equally unique with their style of dress. They are using a lot layering with their pieces, and have included tight jeans into their wardrobe. The guys will also be wearing t-shirts and polos with a tie, or thermal shirts with dress jackets. Zip-up hoodies with wool inside will keep men warm as the weather starts to chill. But, let it be known, according to student Joshua Magnin, the pop-collar is out.

Dinner and a movie

Dave reviews new restaurant Brickstone and 80's flick "Willow"

By Dave Fowler

A&E columnist



As I gaze into the stars, I wonder what heaven is like. Unlike many deceased people, I have never been to Heaven. However, I have been to Brickstone, which is probably as close as Heaven one can get, as far as restaurants go. Brickstone is located on Armour Road across the street from Taco John's. That's right, a taste of Heaven is only three minutes away from campus.

When I walked in the restaurant, I felt like a king among kings. The atmosphere was quite charming. Tasteful pictures hung on the walls, not screaming for attention, but rather to jovially say, "Hello, I am an interesting painting. Would you care to gaze upon me for a while?" I also noticed the dim lighting of the restaurant, which is helpful for people with ugly dates.

Overall, it was quite pleasant. I half expected St. Peter to greet me at the entrance. He was probably taking a break. After kindly being seated, I flipped through the menu and noticed the prices seemed reasonable for a restaurant this nice. A meal for two will cost somewhere between \$25 and

\$35 dollars, but you get what you're paying for.

Throughout the dinner, I noticed a few things about the restaurant. First, there was no music. As much as I liked eavesdropping on the couple behind me, some music would have fit the mood. You know, some Chopin, Mozart or something. New Kids on the Block might have been nice--anything to break the silence.

Second, the waitress seemed rather rushed. I think she was trying to break the world record of "fastest service at a sit-down restaurant." Either that or she's training for the hundred yard dash or a triathlon. I'll have to ask her next time I visit.

The third thing I noticed was that there isn't much surprise to the Chocolate Surprise. Sure, it tastes delectable, but I don't think it lives up to its name. By itself, it's not very surprising. Now, if a wookiee jumped out of the dessert and sang "Happy Birthday" to me, THAT would be surprising. However, there were no wookies, only a check and toothpicks at the end of dinner. So, I guess Brickstone isn't technically Heaven, but still a good place to go.

Now, let's move on to the movie. I decided on the 1988 Lucasfilm: "Willow," starring Warwick Davis, who started his career as the lovable ewok, Wicket. Val Kilmer is also in the movie. What a stud. Who can resist his charm? I know I can't. So, for two hours of my life, I was bombarded with awesome 80's CG effects and cheesy wipes scene after scene, and Val Kilmer's pearly white smile.

I was also impressed with the originality of the plot, or lack thereof. Willow consists of 60% of Lord of the Rings, 15% of the story of Moses, 15% A Mid Summer's Night Dream, 9% Gulliver's Travels and 1% original plot. It's rather predictable. An evil queen hears that her reign is coming to an end due to the birth of a baby with a certain mark. So, she tries to capture her. Willow, has to transport the baby to safety. Guess what? He succeeds. Along the way, he meets some intriguing characters and several perilous creatures. If you're into small budget 80's flicks, this one is for you.



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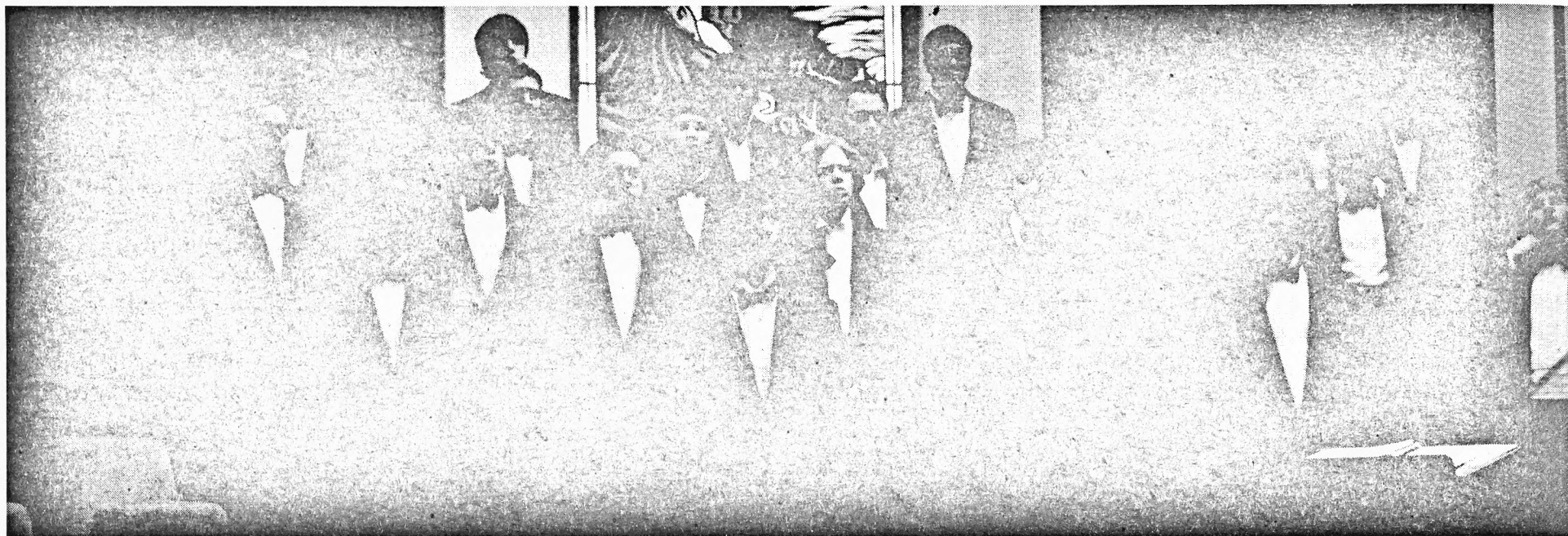
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Men's choir offers singing telegrams



Dr. Neil Woodruff, associate professor of music, conducts Olivet's men's choir, Testament, in the College Church of the Nazarene sanctuary.

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The singing men of Testament hope to use their talents to raise enough money for a mission trip to Romania

By **Joanna Slawik**
Spiritual Life writer

The members of Testament, Olivet's mens' choir, are now on-call to provide odd-jobs and singing telegrams to benefit a service trip to Romania.

Dr. Neil Woodruff, associate professor of music, explained the new singing telegram service. “Members of Testament will offer a short romantic message in song to the person of choice.”

Shang Hsien (Jamie) Hsu, a transfer student and tenor in Testament, is leading the new fundraiser.

“Anybody can call on us to sing for their special someone,” he says.

For five dollars per telegram, the men from Testament will sing to any person; students or faculty. They will sing for special occasions like birthdays and anniversaries, and they will provide seasonal songs for the holidays.

Hsu mentioned the possibility of some people learning several specialty songs for each season, such as “Thriller” for Halloween.

One may also request a personalized song with the recipient's name included in the lyrics.

Hsu was first exposed to the idea of a singing telegram service when he participated in a fundraiser at New Trier High School in Wilmette, Ill. The men's choir sang telegrams to girls in his class for a Valentine's day event.

Hsu said, with a shy smile, “It was really fun to get to sing to the ladies.”

While New Trier High School held the fundraiser for a single event, Testament Men's Choir will provide singing telegram services

to everyone: students and faculty, all year long.

Additionally, the telegram recipient may receive a “special treat” in appreciation for helping the choir raise money.

Singing telegrams aren't the only fundraiser Testament has in store.

Dr. Woodruff says members

of the men's choir will be available “to do odd jobs around the house; things like raking/bagging leaves, shoveling snow, [and] painting.”

Singing telegrams and odd-job services provide fun and cheap ways to help support members of the Testament Men's Choir.

The choir will have

flyers posted throughout the campus with further details on fundraising opportunities. To submit a request or acquire additional information, call Hsu on his cell phone at 847-877-1154, or call his campus extension at 7207.

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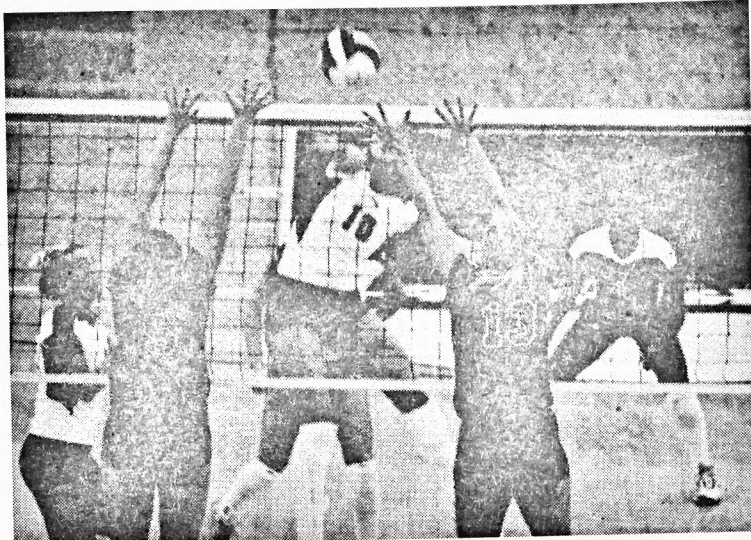
The women's volleyball team recently participated in the Adidas Best of the Best Challenge at the University of St. Francis (Ind.) and came out splitting their games 2-2.

The tournament started Friday, Sept. 22 with a game against Mount Vernon Nazarene University in which Olivet won 3-2. Katarina Stanojevic, junior, led with team in kills with 13 helping the team finish with a total of 65 kills.

After the win against Mount Vernon, Olivet went on to play the national runner-up of 2005, Columbia College from Minnesota. In a 1-3 loss Stanojevic and Michelle McFadden, sophomore All-American, both had 12 kills.

Play continued on Saturday, Sept. 23, as Olivet played Savannah College of Art and Design from Georgia, winning 3-1 and Lindenwood University from Minnesota, losing 2-3.

Coach Brenda Williams said, "Out of the nine teams at the tournament seven



Michelle McFadden, sophomore All-American captain, tries for one of her eight kills in the Tigers' most recent win against Cardinal Stritch University on Sept. 26. **Denton Hird/Staff**

are in the top 25. Playing tough teams means the younger players have seen the best in the country and are ready for whatever is handed to them."

Because of an injury plagued start to the season a lot of the new freshman were thrown right into intense game action. McFadden, one of the previously injured players returned to play on Sept. 19 against Calumet College.

Despite a few injuries and a tough schedule, the team currently has a 10-10 record, and are 3-0 in the CCAC, as

they continue the season. Six of the team's losses came from nationally ranked teams.

"Our main goal for the season is to win conference games," Coach Williams said. "I tell my girls, the only way to get to Nationals is to win conference games and that is what we are trying to do."

Olivet will be hosting the CCAC-MCC Challenge on Oct. 27-28.

Olivet will play University of Wisconsin-Parkside on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

Sports outside the bubble

Hunt for a Golden October

By **Jimmy Street**

Sports writer

After 19 years of mediocrity, the Detroit Tigers are leading the pack into October thanks to a collage of youthful pitching, a fiery catcher and a veteran manager.

As baseball enters the postseason in the next ten days, Chicago will give one last wave to the grandstand as their victory lap slides to a halt after a late season meltdown by the White Sox and another laughter of a season from the Cubs. This year could be different from the past because the top teams of the regular season are still on top.

The Tigers have been second guessed all year, including serious doubt from myself, but now that they have survived and clinched a playoff spot, it's time to give credit where credit is due. Jim Leyland has done a masterful job with this club, a club that has floated around the .500 mark for a few years now earn a chance to win the pennant, the Tigers will have to get by a hot Oakland team that no one has really paid attention to

In the National League, things are much less interesting as the Mets have

had the East locked up for what seems like months now and the Cardinals are coasting home with a terribly mediocre record in the worst division in baseball.

Out west is where things are interesting in the NL. San Diego and Los Angeles are fighting to the death for the West, and the Phillies are giving whoever doesn't take the crown in southern California a run for their money for the Wild Card.

For the first time in three years, I don't foresee the Cardinals making to the NLCS as the Phillies are surging at the right time.

The Padres have more pitching and more chemistry than the Dodgers so I will give the West to San Diego, who I predict will give the Mets all they can handle in the divisional round, but the Phillies run will continue their quest behind the sweet swing of Ryan Howard and defeat the Mets. That leaves a battle on the east coast for the World Series. The Yankees. The Phillies. Too much talent in the Bronx and the pinstripes prevail in six games.

I may be wrong, but I might be right. We'll see as October pans out.



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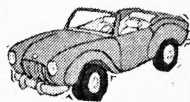
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Benson confronts student body

It should have been done differently

By **KT Johnson**

Forum co-editor

Every semester, the chaplain's office takes on the very big challenge of managing chapel services, including the speaker and the worship. And every year, Olivet students are faced with the challenge to attend chapel faithfully, or obligatorily, with books closed, no hats on and cell phones off. Obviously, many of us sleep or complete the homework that was ignored the night previous. But the chapel two Thursdays ago had everyone's attention and struck a chord with many who attended.

Many of us sat up straight in our chairs and listened. Some left. I took notes. As a feminist, I was not exactly the happiest person walking out of Chalfant Hall that day, but looking back now, I realize there were some things in that service that needed to be said. At the same time, some things should have been handled in a much different way.

It is quite apparent that student-led anything can lead to frustration on both ends of the spectrum. But student-led worship in Chalfant lays a very heavy burden on both the leaders and the worshippers themselves. This heavy burden is felt by the leaders in that they must not only be responsible to Olivet by abiding by the rules, but also responsible to their peers in

exemplifying themselves, and Christ. Whether or not a 20-year-old is truly able to handle that burden became Chaplain Benson's question to us at Olivet.

Let me start on a positive note: What Benson said needed to be addressed to the Olivet community. Student-led worship at many times is unfortunately thrown together the night before, and some of those leading worship are more concerned about performing rather than worshipping.

Another side to that argument is that some of those who lead worship are not living the lives they are called to live in the University Life Handbook or the Bible. This makes it very hard for a person in the congregation to worship with that person as their guide when that leader's life does not exemplify God.

On the other hand, this situation was not addressed well, primarily because many of the women who were in chapel that day felt like they were being accused of doing wrong for being a woman. At one point, Chaplain Benson referred to a woman's cleavage and how she needs to watch that it doesn't show because it makes our male counterpart stumble. While some women may try to buster up their bosom, for many, cleavage occurs naturally without the Wonderbra.

Within that, men are



The Chaplain's Office has received stacks of letters, emails and cards in response to Benson's controversial message. The smaller stack to the right includes the complaints, and the larger stack on the left includes notes from those who have thanked/complimented the chaplain.

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accountable for themselves. One man can have ten accountability partners, but unfortunately no matter what they say, that man still has his own free will and mind to watch after. The same goes for women. And while a woman can wear a skirt to her ankles and a turtleneck daily, if she catches a man's eye, then he is accountable for himself to not lust after her, whether she is on or off stage.

I felt like the girls who were on stage worshipping were in no shape or form wrong for jumping up and down or raising their

hands towards God. I've even seen Chaplain Benson raise his hands or sway while praising God. No woman or man should get criticized for the way they worship God on or off stage. What leaders do while they are off stage, on facebook or just walking to class, are the items that should be contested.

However, even this should have been presented first to the student leaders or to the entire chapel in a more delicate manner. It should not have been addressed as a woman's issue, because it is not just the women

who are living lives that do not exemplify God. When Chaplain Benson pointed fingers at the females, I turned my mind off and I know many others did as well.

What is unfortunate about that chapel service is that so many turned their minds off and forgot to actually hear what Chaplain Benson was getting at: being accountable to one another. We need to be mindful of our brothers and sisters, but not just in fashion. We must be mindful in our words and in our lives: the way we live out Jesus.

No matter what, it came from Chaplain Benson's heart

By **Emily Davis**

Forum co-editor

It takes guts to say what's on your heart.

To some people that sentence may sound trite or over simplified but I can think of no other phrase that better describes the way of life here at Olivet. It doesn't matter if you are a student, a professor, or even the chaplain. If something has been placed on your heart to be said, it takes real guts to say it here at Olivet.

That being said, I have to say I really respect Chaplain Benson's chapel a few weeks back. In all the conversations that have passed between students and faculty over the past few

weeks, it seems to me that aspect of the chapel is rarely acknowledged.

Bravery. I'm talking about the bravery that it takes to walk in front of the school and lay everything out for all to hear, knowing that it won't be met with much popularity. Not everyone agreed with what was said and many more just didn't agree with how it was said. Some still agreed whole-heartedly with every word that was expressed that morning. This is the nature of the game and for that, I think that we have to give credit to one of our own for stepping up to the plate.

Every other week, I am asked to write my opinion on a topic. Good, bad or ugly

I try my hardest to write the truth, knowing very well that not everyone that reads what I write will agree or will even like me for it. As hard as it may be to believe, expressing what you believe can cause you to make a few enemies around this place. Now, I in no way intend to equate my little article with a chapel message, however at the root I think we are very much the same – as is anyone else on this campus that dares to speak about what he or she believes in.

Maybe, for one second we shouldn't make it about whether or not the service was right, wrong or "needed to be said." Maybe we could focus instead on the

courage that it took for one man to walk out there and say exactly what he felt he needed to say that morning. Agreement is not important – we are all allowed to either agree or disagree – as long as we respect the other for really just having the guts to say it.

Again, however, we do have to respect those that don't agree. Sometimes it is so hard for us to remember that not everyone believes or thinks the same way that we do. Two people can read scripture and apply it to their lives very differently. Ask them to defend it, and they can – and they will. This is the root of many years of theological division and disagreement. Not everyone

here at Olivet lives according to the same doctrine. That is supposed to be the beauty of this college atmosphere – that we can all come to one place for a Christian education despite the fact that we grew up Catholic, Presbyterian or Nazarene. This means, of course, that we will disagree sometimes and will not always believe that a situation should be dealt with it as it is.

However, that is, as I said, the nature of the game. Use it fuel debate and discussion, but in the end, respect it. You won't change it and you never will – and that's a beautiful thing.